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Dear Mr. Smith:

On or soon after 14January80, I sent a letter to the Division of State Lands and a Declaration of Exemption (MR Form 4) to your office in reference to starting exploration on the ML 37349 Gemstone Lease. This lease was initiated 13November79 and finalized 21January80.

The letter to the Division of State Lands stated essentially that the deposit is near Topaz Mountain, is for garnets & topaz, and is small (approximately 40' x 70') with very little likelihood of much depth. Use of heavy machinery was not anticipated and that, therefore, I was sending MR Form 4 (Declaration of Exemption) to the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining. Accompanying the letter were two copies of the lease (to be signed by the Division of State Lands) and a topographic map showing the location of the deposit.

Soon after sending the above, the Division of State Lands returned one copy of the executed lease for our files. But otherwise, I have not received approval to begin work on the lease and have wondered if my letter may have been lost. I thank you if you could clarify this for me.

Sincerely,

*Mike Sprunger*

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